DMPL | Digital Projects | Des Moines City Directories Online (1866-1922)

Getting there:

> Type http://www.archive.org/details/desmoinesandpolkcountycitydirectories into the address bar of your browser.

Viewing a list of the directories and sorting them by date:

> Once you are to the **Des Moines and Polk County, Iowa, City Directories** page click the All items (most recently added first) link.

Welcome to Des Moines and Polk County, Iowa, City Directories:1866-1922	**41 items**

Containing an alphabetically arranged list of business firms and private citizens, a street and avenue guide, miscellaneous directory, city and county officers, terms of court, churches, colleges, public and private schools, buildings, banks, incorporated institutions, railroads, secret and benevolent societies, etc.
Browse by Subject / Keywords

All items (most recently added first) . RSS

> On the following screen there is box along the right side of the screen with the heading **Sort results by:** find and click the Date link in this box.

Sort results by:

Relevance

Average rating

Download count

> Date

Date added

> The city directories should now be in order by date (descending).

Reading a city directory online:

> Click on the city directory you would like to read.
> On the following screen click the Read Online link.

View the book

Read Online
PDF (111.3 M)
PDF with text (131.2 M)
EPUB (18.5 M)
Kindle
Daisy
Ocr HTML
Full Text (3.6 M)
DjVu (117.7 M)

All Files: HTTP

Help reading texts

1903 Des Moines and Polk County, Iowa, City Directory (1903)

Subject: des moines;iowa;polk county;city directories
Year: 1903
Language: English
Collection: desmoinesandpolkcountycitydirectories; additional_collections

Description

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Reviews — Be the first to write a review
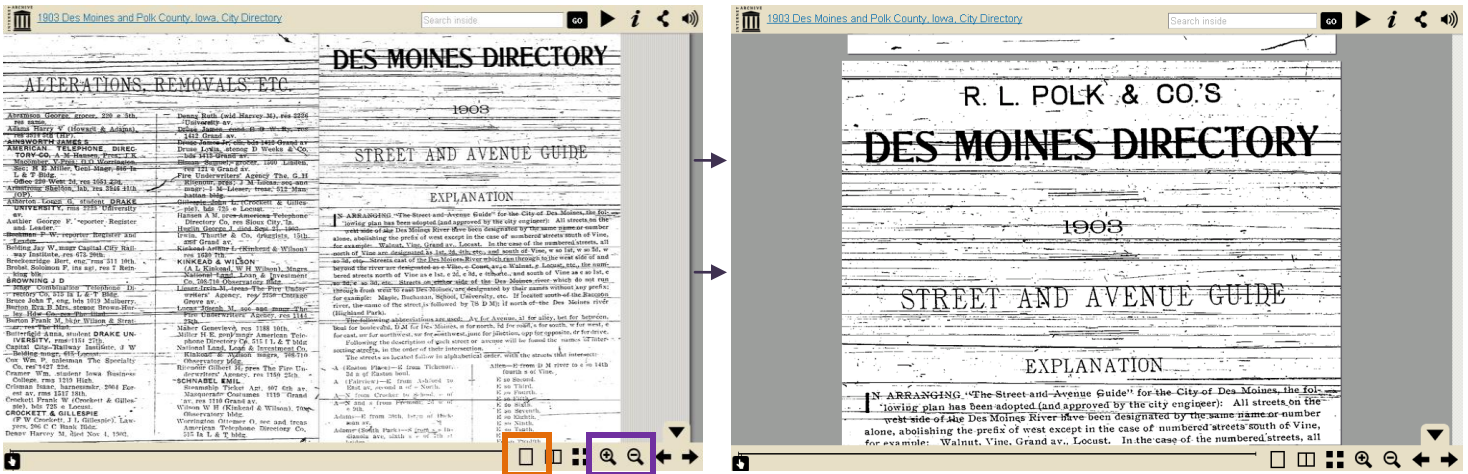Downloaded 151 times

Selected metadata

Identifier:	1903DesMoinesAndPolkCountyIowaCityDirectory
Mediatype:	texts
Identifier-access:	http://www.archive.org/details/1903DesMoinesAndPolkCountyIowaCityDirectory
Identifier-ark:	ark:/13960/t46q2w644

> After clicking the Read Online link you should get a screen that looks similar to this:

> For optimal viewing click the **One Page** view box along the bottom of the screen, and use the **Zoom-in / Zoom-out magnifying glasses** for a larger view of the page (see screenshots above).

Browsing Over Searching

> Searching the city directories is possible with the search field along the top of the reader, but I have found that browsing by sliding the ⬍ button back and forth, and using the ← → buttons to page forwards and backwards is often easier.

Typical City Directory Layout (varies some by year):

> Miscellaneous listings – government officials, churches, libraries, insurance companies, secret societies, etc.
> Street and Avenue guide – **describes street boundaries not listings by address.**
> Des Moines Homeowner and Business listing - alphabetical by last name / business name.
> Business classified listing – by type of business.
> Listing by street address – numbered streets first, then alphabetical by street name **(starting 1908)**.
> Valley Junction Homeowner and Business listing – alphabetical / classified.
> Surrounding community homeowner and business listing – alphabetical by last name / business name.

Printing:

> There is no dedicated print function from the online view.
> If you only need a small chuck of text you can take a screenshot using a browser plugin or the "Print Scrn" key on your keyboard. From there you can paste the image into your preferred image editing program, and print from there.
> The best way to print single pages is to open/download the PDF version of the city directory, and from there you are able to print single pages.

Downloading:

> You are able to download and save copies of our City Directories for your own personal use.
> Once you have found the directory you would like to download, click the PDF link instead of the Read Online link under the View this item box on the left side of the screen.